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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2003, please accept this Response to the restriction requirement entered pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 for the above-identified application.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Examiner entered a restriction requirement for the following groups of inventions:

I: Claims 1-30, drawn to a method of DNA sequencing, classified in class 435, subclass 91,1.;

II: Claim 31, drawn to a method of removal of contaminating nucleotides, classified in class 435, subclass 6; and



III.

Claim 32, drawn to a method of discriminating between the in phase and out phase sequencing signals, classified in class 422, subclass 50.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-30, without traverse, for further examination.

Applicant includes a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CRF 1.136(a) for a four month extension. Please charge the required extension fee of \$725.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-2814. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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